STENEY, Dec. 1,-A compromise has been effected be-

American dealers from both East and West have made

large contracts, and many have secured warehouses here an ice famine being anticipated in the United States.

KILLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

NINETEEN LIVES LOST ON A STEAMER.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AT WEST POINT, VA .- HOW

THE STEAMER WEST POINT.

THE VICTIMS MET THEIR DEATH-JUMPING

OVERBUARD UNLY TO BE KILLED-SKETCH OF

EICHMOND, Va., Dec. 27.-An explosion occurred

vesterday at West Point, Va., on board the steamer

until yesterday at noon; and after the hands has

been engaged nearly twohours unloading, a terrifle

ward hatch of the steamer, and almost instantly the

orward part of the vessei was enveloped in flames.

explosion or burne I to death. Five other men were

When it was found that there was no hope of sav-

ing the steamer, she was cut loose from the wharf,

and the tide carried her two miles up the Pamunkey

River, where she continued to burn until everything

combustible was destroyed, and her iron hull was

The following are the names of those who were

killed, burned to death or drowned; L. S. Bradford,

chief of stevedores, of West Point; Edward Kerse,

wharf hand, of Richmond, and a mess boy, name

The first officer of the steamer. Peter Geoghegan

The boat's cargo was made up of miscellaneous

freight, among which were several hundred barrels

trade, being 175 feet long and having a capacity of 625 tons. She was almost entirely new, just from the shivyard, the only old nortion being the iron plates and frame of the steamer Shirley, which was burned at the same place while lying at the wharf in November, 1880. The yeasel was rebuilt at a cost of \$65,000. She was owned by the Baitunere, Observation and Righmand Strambaat Commany.

BALTIMORS, Dec. 27.-The West Point was in

sured for \$40,000 as follows: \$5,000 each

in the Fire Association, of Philadelphia; Lancashire, of England; Williamsburg City,

each in the National, of New-York; Connec-

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

PAYING INTEREST ON ALARAMA STATE BONDS.

eroken in two amidships.

about the face and hands.

that last year's averages will be repeated. . .

The wheat prospects are fair, and it is probable

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

IN THE RECESS OF CONGRESS. CONTESTED SEATS IN THE HOUSE-CLAIMS OF DAKOTA FOR ADMISSION-MR. MULLETT IN

SEARCH OF EMPLOYMENT. Three sub-committees of the House Committee on Contested Elections have been appointed, and the twenty-one cases before the House have been divided among them. The chairman of the Committee on Territories will urge the passage of a bill for the admission of Dakota as a State. Ex-Supervising Architect Mullett has applied to Secretary Folger for employ-

CONTESTED ELECTIONS IN THE HOUSE,

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Dec. 27.-The sub-committees of the House Committee on Elections have been organized, and the twenty-one contested cases have been referred to them, seven to each.

The first sub-committee is composed of Messrs. Hazelton, Thompson and Ranney, Republicans; Paul (Va.), Readjuster Democrat, and Beltzhoover, Democrat. To the sub-committee have been referred the contests of Auderson against Reed, of Maine, and Cook against Cuits, of Iowa, besides five of the sixteen "Southern cases," Mr. Reed, of Maine, was elected by a narrow majority of 117 m a total vote of nearly 34,000, while Mr. Cutts, of Iowa, received only 96 majority in a total vote of nearly 36,000. In both these cases the sitting members are Republicans. The other cases befirst sub-committee are that of Lowe (Gbk.) against Wheeler (Dem.), of Alabains, who was declared elected by a majority of 43 in a total poll of 25,500 votes; of Gillett (Rep.) against Herndon (Dem.), of Alabama, who was declared elected by a majority of more than 3,000 in a total vote of less than 8,000-in the same district which cast nearly 21,000 votes for Congressional candidates in 1876. when Brombers, the Independent candidate, received nearly 9,000 votes; of Strobach (Rep.) against Herbert (Dem.), of Alabama, who was declared elected by a majority of 4,387 in a total vote of about 22,000; of Smith (Rep.) against Shelley (Dem.), of Alabama, who was declared elected by a majority of about 2,700 in a total poll of 16,000 votes-in a district which cast nearly 26,000 votes for Congressional candidates in 1876, almost 16,000 of which votes were given to Republican candidates; and of Bisbee (Rep.) against Finley (Dem.), of Florida, who was declared elected by a majority of about 1,200 in a total vote of 25,000. To the second sub-committee, consisting of

Messrs, Wait, Ritchie and Miller, Republicans, and Davis of Missouri, and Moulton, Democrats, were referred the following cases: Mackey (Rep.) against O'Connor (Dem.), of South Carolina, a case in which the contestee is dead and which is further complicated by the fact that a Democrat, "elected to fill a vacancy" caused by the death of O'Conner, has been admitted to a seat; Lanier (Rep.) against King (Dem.), of Louisiana, whose alleged majority was 12,000 in a total poll of 18,600 votes, in a district which in 1876 cast about 27,500 votes for Congressmen, the Republican candidate receiving more than 14,000; Smith (Rep.) against Robertson (Dem.), of Louisiana, whose alleged majority was nearly 4,000 in a total poll of about 12,000 votes-in the same distiet which in 1876 gave Robertson (Dem.) 15.520 votes and Nash, his depublican competitor, 11,147 votes, or 26,667 votes in all; Lee (Rep.) against Richardson (Dem.), of South Carolina, whose alleged majority was about 8,500 in a total vote of nearly 32,000-in a district in which the Demoeratic vote appears to have increased about 4,000 and the Republican vote to have decreased about 7,000 between 1876 and 1880; Smalls (Rep.) against Tillman (Dem.), of South Carolina, whose alleged majority exceeded 8,000 in a total vote of about 38,500-in a district in which the Republican vote appears to have fallen off nearly 5,000 and the Democratic vote to have gained over 6,000 since 1876; Sessinghaus (Rep.) against Frost (Dem.), of Missouri, whose majority was only 197; and Hagley (Rep.) against Barbour (Dem.), of Vir-

guia.

The third sub-committee is composed of the following members: Calkins, Pettibone, Jacobs, Republicans; Atherton, Democrat, and Jones (Fexas), National. Among the cases referred to this sub-camulatee are the following: Lynch (Rep.) against Chalmers (Dem.), of Mississippi, whose alleged majority was about 3,800 in a total vote of 14,505—in a district which gave Chalmers 15,788 votes and Lynch 12,386 votes, a total of 28,174 votes, in 1876; Buchanan (Rep.) against Manning (Dam.), of Mississippi; Mabson (Rep.) against Onies (Dem.), of Lynch 12,386 votes, a total of 28,174 votes, in 1876; Buchanan (Rep.) against Manning (Dom.), of Missasippi; Mabson (Rep.) against Manning (Dom.), of Alabama, whose major-ty was reported at 5,000 in a total vote of 16,290; Stolbrand (Rep.) against Aiken (Dem.), of South Carolina, whose alleged majority exceeded 1,800 in a total poll of 37,500 votes, in a district where the Republicans appear to have loct 6,000 votes, and the Democrats to have gained 6,000 votes, since 1876; and Stovall (Readjuster) against Cabell (Dem.) of Virginia.

Under an order of the House of Representatives, the testimony in all these cases will be printed as rapidly as practicable, in order that the sub-committees may begin their work. The testimony in the cases of Bisbre against Finley, of Buchanan against Manning, and of Anderson against Reed will go to the printer to-morrow, and when printed it will make several large volume.

the printer to-morrow, and when printed it will make several large volumes. The record in some of the other cases is still more voluminous, and the whole will make, when printed, a library of respectable size.

THE ADMISSION OF DAKOTA. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 .- Chairman Burrows, of the Committee on Territories will call a meeting of that Committee for Friday of next week. In conversation with a TRIBUNE correspondent to-day respecting the work that will come before his committee during this session, Mr. Burrows said:

"I think that the most important measure before us, and, indeed, one of the most important that will be brought forward in Congress this winter will be a bill for the admission of Dakota as a State. A bill for that purpose has already been offered in the House and referred to the committee, and several bills on the same subject are pending in the Senate. This is a measure in which I take a very deep interest, and I shall do all in my power to secure its adoption."

"Do you expect very determined opposition to it in the House?" asked the correspondent.

"Well, I have heard that the Democrats will oppose it very strenuously, not because they really think that Dakota lacks any of the attributes necessary as a prerequisite to her admission as a State but simply for the reason that Dakota will probably be a Republican State. Some of the Democrats, I understand, declare that they will filibuster in-I understand, declare that they will filbuster indefinitely in order to prevent action upon the bill.
If they should do this, I, for one, would be willing
to make it an issue and fight it out, if need be, until
the expiration of the XLVIIII Congress. Such a
struggle as that, is one in which the Republicans in
Congress could well afford to engage, and it would
make Republican votes every day it hasted; but I
hardly believe that the Democrats will be foolish
enough to push their opposition to the extent which
some of them now threaten."

THE DIGNITY OF THE SUPREME COURT.

[GENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.] WASHINGTON Dec. 27.—It is pretty well settled that the committee of the American Bar Association will, at its meeting in New-York in February, adopt the plan for the relief of the United States Supreme Court which contemplates the establishment of an other court to consist of fifteen Judges. A member of the committee is authority for the statement that this action will be taken in deference to the wishes of the Supreme Court rather than for any other reason. He says the Justices of this Court are unalterably opposed to the other plan, which looks to the subdivision of the present bench into separate chambers, each with jurisdiction over certain classes

not enable the Court, even though it trebled its capacity for work, to hear the cases coming up as promptly as they should be heard, to say nothing of relieving the docket of the cases that have accumulated. In the second place, the Supreme Court Justices think it would lower the dignity, standing and influence of the Court to divide it up for the sake of getting more work out of it. It is probable that this getting more work out of it. It is probable that this consideration weighs more with the Court than any of her. The Justices are not widing to sacrifee any of he dignity belonging to the Court. They will probably recommend to Congress the passage of an act providing for the creation of an additional court, which shall hear and have jurisdiction over most of the cases that now go to the Supreme Court. All the higher and most important cases, such as involve constructions of the Constitution, will be reserved for the Supreme Court.

MR. MULLETT AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

INV TELEGRAPH TO THE TRUE Washington, Dec. 27 .- When Mr. Mullett, the an of many expletives, censed to be Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department he accepted and for a considerable time filled the position of Superintendent, having charge of the work upon six of the public buildings then in process of coustruction. When Mr. Sherman became Secretary of the Freasury he essayed to curtail Mr. Mullet's functions and tendered him the superintendency of the work upon two public buildings. Mr. Mulett held the matter under consideration and finally

to this Government, Chang Tsao, with his suite and servants-in all twenty five persons -are now quartered at the Arlington Hotel. They will remove to the "Shepherd" Massion on They will remove to the "Shepherd" Marsion on Farracut Square as soon as some needed regairs and improvements are completed. This is one of the most elegant and somelous residences in the city. The retiring Minister, with his suffe, will on Saturday next leave Washington for San Francisco, on route for China. The Minister will be formally presented to President Arthur on Saturday next by Secretary Freitinghuysen.

WHERE SOME OF THE STAR ROUTE MONEY WENT One of the interesting political speeches of the session, it is understood, will be one on the Star Route swindles by a prominent Republican Representative, in which he will deny that any of the illegal profits were which he window state any or the last Presidential campaign; and will show that the contractors contributed \$20,000 to defeat Randall delegates in Pennsylvania, besides sending \$30,000 to Cincinnat, which was used in nominating Hancock, and additional sums for the latter's election.

PROPOSED CRUISE OF THE ESSEX. The Essex, Commander McCormick, will leave Norfolk about the lat of January for the Pacific. On the way out she will visit Liberia for the purpose of investigating certain matters between the natives and the authorities of Liberia and to settle any disputes that may have arisen since the Alaska, Captain Semmes, we there. It is is ledeved the treaties then entered into the natives have not been properly compiled with.

MR. EDISON TAKING OUT MORE PATENTS. The weekly issue of the Patent Office tolay aggregates 340 patents, nineteen designs and twentyfour trade marks. Of the patents twenty-live were Thomas A. Edison alone. This is said by Patent Office officials to be the largest number of patents even issued at one time by any Government to one person. Mr. Edison's patents now number nearly 259.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Washington, Tueslay, Dec. 27, 1881. Secretary Lincoln intends to be in Washington next William G. LeDuc, late Commissioner of Agricult

has been elected member of the National Society of Agri-puture of France. Secretary Hunt, in consequence of a slight indispesi-

tion, which temporarily confines him to his residence, was not at the Navy Department to-day.

There will be no further changes of officers in the Acting Postmaster-General Elmer left this city for

New-York this morning, and Third Assistant Postmaster General Hazen is now acting as Postmaster-General, A telegram from the Navajo Agency in New-Mexico wough to vaccinate 500 persons. The smallpox is preading there.

President Arthur has signed and returned to the Treasury Department from New-York City the commissions of Pierre Van Wyck to be Superintendent of t New-York Assay Office, and Jacob E. Lekieldt, Assay at the Philadelphia Mint.

General Sherman, who has just returned to Washing on from an official visit to the Military School at For Leavenworth, Kan., praises its condition and manage

The bond redemptions under the 105th call up to date amount to \$17,068,650. The redemptions to date under the 106th call, exclusive of bonds received in New York since last Tuceday, (the retarns of which have not been received at the Treasury Department) amount \$6,702,400.

dissioner Price this morning received a letter rom P. B. Hunt, Indian Agent at the Klown, Communels rou I. B. Hunt, Pensis Agency and Whehita Agency, informing him of the burning of the Wiehita school building on the 15th inst. The school suiding and the industrial building adjoining were totally lessroyed with all the contents, some of the buchers and implayes burely escaping with their lives.

The House Committee on Appropriations will hold its first meeting a week from next Tuesday, the day on which Congress will reassemble. Chairman Hiscock will on that day appoint the sub-committee and designate the work of which each is to have particular charge, and hapes to report some of the general appropriation bull to the House by the 20th of January.

In view of the prevalence of smallpox at various points in the West, Surgeon Woodworth of the Marine Hospital Service has issued orders to his subordinates at Cincin ati, Louisvi'le, Cairo and St. Louis to vaccinate withou

MURDERERS SAID TO HAVE BEEN LYNCHED.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 27.-It is reported ere that the two men charged with the murder Murrell and Thomas Glover at the store of J. B. and J Murrel and rhomes of the defect of the prince, in Southampton County, last Friday night, and who afterwards set fire to the building, have been captured and lynched. It is stated that the murderers were taken to the seems where the murder was committed, and there hanged to a tree.

A FLOOD IN THE SUSQUEHANNA.

WILLIAMSPORT, Penn., Dec 27 .- A big flood expected in the west branch of the Susqueinona low water mark, and is still rising rapidly and will probably reach twelve or feuricen feet by morning. The booms have been hong, and some logs are reported coming down. All small streams are greatly swollen by

THE CRAMER CASE.

interested in the trial of the Malley boys, for the murder of Jennie Cramer, deny the truth of recent rumors to the effect that the State has secured important new testimony, and that astonishing developments are to be expected. NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 27 .- The lawyers

NEGROES LEAVING SOUTH CAROLINA.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 27.-Between 500 and ben were in 600 negroes, from Edgedeid, South Carolina, passed through Augusta to-day on their way to Arkansas. They are under the leadership of a colored presenter repeated of the building was described think, in the first place, that this—named Hammond, who promised to have a chartered named Hammond, the place, that this—named Hammond, who promised to have a chartered named Hammond, the promised to have a chartered named Hammond, who promised to have a chartered named Hammond, the point is not the building was described this mording. The product the remaining and machine with the product the product of the building was described to the product the product the product that the product the product

NEW-YORK, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1881.

and the party had to pay full rates to Atlanta. They say they found it too hard work to make a living in South Carolina, and determined to go elsewhere. Hammond went to Arkansas some time aco, examined the country, and, on his return, advised the nervees to go out there. It is expected that altogether 1,000 will go.

TRYING TO EXTORT MONEY BY THREATS.

A man who attempted to frighten Joseph A. White, a China decorator, of No. 141 West Twenty-sec ond st., into the the payment of \$1.000, was arrested and locked upat Polloe Headquarters has night. Mr. White has a store and workshop at No. 52 Macdongal-st. He went to Polloe Headquarters hast Friday and told Inspector Byrnes that some unknown persons were and Europe. A report comes by way attempting to blackmail him. He showed to the Inspector a long letter filled with threatening language.

It began abruptly as follows: It began abruptly as follows:

The ceremony performed on February 8, 1878, between Joseph A. Waite and Misse Sieila Haviland was no wedding at all, as you will see intrier on, and as will be praved it necessary. Consequently "Several" demand as recompense and hush money \$1,000 from you. Understand, "several" are described and desporate, and will have this money or your life will pay the pointly. Smould you decline the measure of parting with your money and fall to notify the "Several" on Friday menting, "Several" will communicate indirect with Mrs. John G. Haviland.

mother of his wife, and that he had received the letter on Wedneslay. The wester of the letter added that Mrs. Haviland and her daughter would be put in peasession

of the work upon two public oxidings. Mr. Mullett held the matter under consideration and finally declined the work, since which time he has had no connection with the Department.

He has now applied to Secretary Folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty under his old appointment, advanced to the secretary folger for an assignment to duty the secretary folger for an assignment as a secretary folger fo

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.-The visiting members of the Tennessee Legislature were welcomed to-day with addresses in the judgest ball at the Expedition. At the closing exercises of the Exposition on Saturday addresses will be made by H. I. Kimball, Joseph E. Brown, Colonel W. C. C. Breekenridge, Daniel Doncherry and Governor Coiquitt, The meatmers will be stooped by Governor Coiquitt, and a poem will be read by F. H.

THE COLUMBUS CITY FRAUDS.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 27.-F. W. Newburg, the a leged former, was arraigned this morning and waived examination. He was bound over on six parate charges and the bond was fixed at \$12,000.

The Board of Public Works to day discovered will be sale processed by the city of Brussels, the marrian and raised clues at othe amount of \$4,000.

The makes about \$12,000 with indications of more. The Board of Public Works to day discovered additional forgettes and raised chee's to the amount of \$4,000. This makes about \$12,000, with indications of mote.

PRAGMENTS OF WESTERN NEWS,

PAILURE OF A WHO! 2 ALE LIQUOR FOURL.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.— The wholesale fortenders of J. & L. Elvenberg to day made an assument to Ellas Navara for the benefit of their cred-

A MILL BLOWN UP IN ARKANSAS.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—A dispatch to h. Gozdfefron Guidon savs: Wilson's Mill in this lace was blown up last eventur. Charles Reel was filed and Coal French Intally wounded. Allen Creile, b. Sappington and L. McFariand seriously injured.

Grawn the altention of the Powers concerned the representatives will hold a Toolo on the subject early in January.

PROGRESS AND REFORM II LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Khedive of

I. D. Sappington and L. Mer arrand seriousy squared.
INDIANA RIVINES OVERIFLOWING.
INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—Dispatches received content from the southwestern part of the state report hat the White River and other streams are very much wolles, overflowing the hoston lands and seriously

that the Write River and other streams are very much swoffen, overflowing the boatom lands and seriously damacing the whoat crop.

ACCIDENT ON A MISSISSIPPI STEAMER.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—A steamer bound tron Now Ordenas to Chocimosti burst her steam pipe vesterday morning near Cartab Bend. The pipe herst about twenty foot aft the noder, seading twelve of the crew, three seriously. Three negre roustabouts jumped overbeart and have not been seen since.

SHOE AND LEATHER EXCHANGE.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—The Shoe and Leather Exchange toolay clotted the following officers: Prestdent, Richard Woolky, sr; first vice-president, Julius Lang; second vice-president, William H. H. Laws; treasurer, A. B. Pathermann; directors, Mesers Levis H. U.Z. N. Wolfstein, Hugh McKenzle, H. A. Perkins, E. F. Bradford, G. A. Robert and Asoph Nickell.

SHOT DEAD UNDER A MISAPPREHENSION.

stadford, G. A. Robert and Anorph Nievel.

SHOT DEAD UNDER A MISAPPREHENSION,
EUFAULA, Ind. Ter., Dec. 27.—Last night, in
street difficulty with pistors, Ware a carpenter, killed
young man and occaped. A section hand on the
fiscourt Pacific Indiwar, who stood near the scene of
he tracedy, became frightened and ran. He was ord to hair by a pode-man, and, father to do so, was fired
ton and instantly killed. The policeman supposed that
e in 1 been oneaged in the shooting.

ANGRY LA BORERS, TRANSCORE, A.

he ind been engaged in the shooting.

ANGRY LARGREIS TEARING UP A TRACK.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 27.—Sunday night the track of the Machine extension of the Michigan Central Bullroad, between Indian River and Gaylord, was torn up, causing a nerth bound train to run off the rulls. This northing another break was made and another train off. The trouble be caused by a row between a gang of construction men and a contrastor. The laborers have not been paid, and there is great and growing dissentisfaction over the matter.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES-BY TELEGRAPH.

CRUSHED BETWEEN BRAKE WHEELS.

MONTHOMELY, N. Y., Proc. 27.—W. H. Sarvin, of Monres, while crossing over and train at his place yesterday, was faulty crashed between the brakewheels. He was carried into the station and expired to a few monetons.

KILLED By A FALL FIRM A WINDOW.

BALTIM RE, Dec. 27.—John Firstmonels, a patient of the breaky terian Eye and Far Charity Rocytal, see severity, fell from a barth story window of the bedsights see severity, fell from a barth story window of the bedsights see severity, fell from a barth story window of the bedsights see severity, fell from a barth story window of the bedsight has been also as a second of the bedsight of the seed of the covery of the self-second of the vessel while of roptar is and Chessapeaks Hay, yesterday, and was killed.

DAMAGED IN A COLLISION.

Damaged in a Collision. A JUBY EVENLY BIVIDED,

MURDERED BY A REJECTED LOVER.

All LANTA, U.S., Due 27.—The police watch that ame off duty at I o'clock this morning reported the murder Sude Walls, colored, by Alexander Johnson. The morner as committed became the wamma refused to marry Johnson. CONVICTED OF PROCURING AN ALGERIAN.

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BOSION, Dec. 27.—The jury this morroug formal Dr. Henry Taylor guilty of procuring an abortion apon Leontine II, Jupiter, a castred girl, from which death resulted. The penalty for the crine is not less than five, nor more than twenty years, in State Prison.

PINED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

BORDENTOWN, N. J., Dec. 27.—James M. Scovel, Candon, who has been before the furtington County ours for the last three terras, charged with collecting soil on William Christophes, one of his cheats and appropriate the money to his own use, has been need in the sum of and coals of the suits. KILLED IN A FIGHT.

PHILADELPHIA, 18c. 27.—The Coroner to-day investigated the death of John Kirk from injuries received in a night on the Lift liest. A critical was remined of death from conceasion of the brain, the result of violence as the hands of William Quinn and Pattice Land, with these near work head to Sanat the arbitrary of the District Atloney. men were held to a wall the action of the district Alloway.

"RILLED BY AN EXPLODING BOILER.

OSWEGO, N. V., Dec. 2., -the of the bediers in
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FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

DUBLIN PLACED UNDER THE ARMS ACT. ACTION AFFECTING TEN COUNTIES IN IRELAND-TUNISIAN THIBES SUBDUED-JAPAN'S COMMER-

CIAL RELATIONS-OCEAN STEAMERS DAMAGED. The City and County of Dublin and nine other counties in Ireland have been placed under the Arms Act. The insurgent tribes, with one exception, in Tunis are said to be subdued. Japan is anxious to establish more intimate commercial relations with America of Brest that a large ocean steamer sunk in a squall on December 20. The Catalonia's passengers are to sail for New-York on Saturday. The French steamer Caldera, from Marseilles for New-York, has put into

Gibraltar, having been damaged in a collision. QUELLING THE LAND RENT WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 27.- The Dublin Gazette to-day contains a proclamation placing the City and County Mr. White explained that Mrs. Haviland was the of Dublin and nine other counties under the Arms

The Dublin correspondent of The Daily News

West Point, plying between that place and Bultimore, which resulted in the total destruction of the boat and the lost of nineteen lives. The West Point arrived at her wharf Sunday afternoon, but the work of discharging the cargo was not begun

yet unexplained explesion occurred near the for-There were twelve colored men in the forward hold at the time, all of whom were either killed by the aft stowing cotton. These jumped over-board, and four of them were drowned.

the construction of continuous lines of pipes in many of the streets to continuous lines of pipes in many of the construction of continuous lines of pipes in many of the construction of continuous lines of pipes in many of the continuous lines in the pipes at a rent not exceeding the cost of maintaining the wires overhead. An order for maintaining the wires overhead. An order for the purchase from Harvard College of the Arnold Arborolum, to be used as a public park, wis passed to-might by the Addentical, in continuous with the City Council.

THE ATLANIA EXPOSITION.

ATLANIA Co.

Advices have been received from Tunis to the effect that General Logerot has succeeded in obtaining the submission of all the insurgent tribes except the Overgamas, who are isolated on the Tripolitan frontier. The submission of that tribe is considered manifement.

THE CATALONIA'S PASSENGERS.

Lowners, Dec. 27.—The passengers of the Cenard line steamer Catalonia, from Liverpool for New-York, which returned to Queenstown Sunday, hav-ing been damaged in collision, have the option of

JAPAN, AMERICA AND ENGLAND. Lospon, Dec. 27.-The Berlin correspondent of

The Times says:

PROGRESS AND REFORM IN EGYPT.

Lospon, Dec. 27.-The Khedive of Egypt in his peech at the opening of the Assembly of Notables at Cairo yesterday, dwelt upon the necessity of progress and of respect for international obligations but concluded with a reference to the powerful sup-port which useful reforms received from the Sultan

FRIGHTENED BY AN ALARM OF FIRE. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Dudy New's dispatch from Berlin says: "There was a panic in a music hall here on Tuesday evening, in consequence of a false alarm of fire. No casualties occurred."

PANIC IN A LONDON THEATRE. LONDON, Dec. 28.-A false alarm of fire caused a panic last evening in a theatre in East London. No one was injured.

SUPPOSED TO HAVE SUNK IN A SQUALL. Special Disputch to The Exering Telegram,

LONDON, Dec. 27.-Captain Le Person, of the Ernestine, arrived at firest and reported to the Commissary at Brest on the 21d inst, that during a gale or the cock he was in company with a large steamer which kept within about a mile and a half of hun from o'clock in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. Just then a yielent squall occurred, lasting about twenty-five minutes. When it passed over the steamer was no longer to be seen, and he believes that she sunk in the A quantity of wreckage which drove ashore on the following day at Roscoff gives an air of probability to the reported disaster. The wreekage consisted of bales to the reported disaster. The wreckage consisted of bales of collon, a cask of whale oil and various pieces of wood, on one of which was written: "Spitting upon the deek and bulwarks prohibited." The steamer appeared to Captain Le Person to be from 2,000 to 3,000 tons burden. She had a straight stem, with a bowspitt like one of the Gusarow steamers, and was schooner rigged. The foremast bad two yards with square salls, and the limit and framel were painted black. She was under steam, proceeding very slowly when the squal struck her.

OTHER DISASTERS TO SHIPPING. LONDON, Dec. 27.-The French steamer Cal-

lera, Captain De Beville, from Marseilles for New-York, has put into Gibraitar, having had her boats stove, having . at her sails and having received other damage by The German steamer Katle, Captain Weiss, from New

York, November 18, for Copenhagen and Stettin, before reported as having lost her rudder, was passed 40 miles west of Fastnet steering cast. Assistance has been sent to her. German bark Walkyre, Captain Wollers, from w-York for Hong Kong, before reported ashore near cassar, has become a total wreck. The crew was

Lennon, Dec. 28.—The crew of the German bark Anna, Captain Sieweto, which was abandoned on November 30 while on a voyage from Pillat to New York, has arrived at Liverpool.

NEWPORT EXCITED OVER ONE SMALLPOX CASE.
NEWPORT, R. L. Dee, 27.—There is considerable exclement here over a case of smallpox.

SUCIDE OF A NEW YORK FARMER.
WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dee, 27.—Oliver C. Shepard, a farmer fiving near Cape Vincent, hung himself to a tree has morning. Insanity is said to have camaed the act.

THE LIEUTENANT.GOVERNOR AT ALBANY.
ALBANY, Dec, 27.—Lieutenant-Governor Hoskins, who has been Ill, arrived in the cty to-day and look rooms for he winter at the Delavan House.

GOLD COIN AND BULLION PROM AUSTRALIA.

SAN FRA CISCO, Dec, 27.—The Australian steamer to tought a short \$415,000 in read coin and bellion, which goes to the mint. She also brought a still greater amount of species, consigned to the Compion of Fascempte de Paris.

FROM UNIVERSALISM TO CONGREGATIONALISM.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Rev. James E. Smith, of Abbinston, Mass, who has been pastor of the Universalist Church there for about a year, has remounced that faith, and has readraced Courterationalism. Tha was his first pastorate. LONDON, The slay, Dec. 27, 1891.

A dispatch to-night to the Standard from Warsaw states that peace has been restored there. None of the morning papers mention the fire at Cros

stadt reported in a dispatch from St. Petersburg by the way of Vicuna to The Standard. Λ Russian expedition to take scientific observations at the month of the Lena during the years 1882-83 will start from 8t. Petersburg to-day. Special dispatches from Vienna agree in declaring

banhans. AN INJUNCTION DISSOLVED.

PITTSBUKG, Dec. 27.—In the United States Circuit Court to day Judge McKenna granted the petition of samuel Disserson of Philadelphia, asking that the injunction against the tellight and wilkesburge Coal Company be Baselved, and that the business be taken out of the mands of the coverience. The Berlin correspondent of The St. James's Gazette says that the German newspapers comment suspiciously Much excitement has been caused at Gratz, Austria,

by a nun, who had been detained against her will, leap-

PRICE FOUR CENTS.

ING A PART-ANOTHER PAPER FROM GUITEAU.

DR. MACDONALD'S BELIEFS.

tenced to imprisonment, has been released at Canterbury on account of the state of his health. The Berlin correspondent of The Standard says: TESTIMONY DESTROYING THE DEFENCE. The customs officials have continued to double and treble the tax on many kinds of imported provisions by THE ASSASSIN PRONOUNCED SANE BY A RECOGtaxing the wrappers and labels as essential parts of the construment. Thus American corned beef in tins is taxed as "fine iron wares." NIZED AUTHORITY ON INSANITY-MERELY PLAY-

The trial of Guiteau was resumed yesterday. HONOLULU, Dec. 19.-The Hon. H. A. Carter has left Honolulu on a diplomatic mission to Portugal. The Bishon of Honolulu has gone to England on matters concerning the church. The only witness called to the stand was Dr. A. E. Macdonald, superintendent of the New-York City Insane Asylum on Ward's Island. His testimony was of the greatest importance tween the Council and the Assembly on the Chinese bill. The poll tax has been fixed at £10. The Trades Union and was exceedingly damaging to the defence. Dr. Macdonald said that he did not believe in hill, a copy of the English act, has passed its second reading in committee, with an unimportant amendment. the existence of hereditary insanity or of moral insanity. This last, he said, was merely schooners PorteVilla and Habenna have been lidenapping natives from Bartholomew and Anot Islands. The na-tives swear vengeance, and it is believed they will attack any especition landing on the islands. another name_invented for wickedness or eraft. He did not hesitate to pronounce the assassin sane and to say that he has been playing a part in the court-room. He said MONTREAL, Dec. 27 .- There is great anxiety here that Guiteau in his ceil spoke to him of his conception of removing the President and not of an inspiration forcing him to the act, and. also that the assassin spoke of being acquitted on the ground of legal insanity, and of then are expected here to-morrow. A reception will be given them in the evening at the Windsor Hotel. being released from the asylum by a commis-Starday, when they will proceed to Quebec, returning here Saturday, when they will be entertained by lunch. They take their deeprture the same evening for New-York.

The 6th Fusileer Regiment of this city has been invited to visit Brooklyn and Troy, N. Y., next summer, The matter is under consideration. sion. The assassin has prepared what he calls a Christmas greeting.

A HIGHLY IMPORTANT WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.-The whole session of Justice Cox's court to-day was consumed with a single expert witness, but his testimony proved to be so valuable and contained some matters so new and impertant that the time was not begrudged, and no one was disposed to complain because the prosecution, varying from their recent custom, examined him at le ... The witness was Dr. A. E. Macdonald, med' I superintendent of the New-York City Insane Asylum, on Ward's Island, where he has over 1,200 patients under his charge, and has had during his seven years' in-

cumbency over 6,000 different patients. Dr. Macdonald is a man apparently in the maturity of youth, of massive build, with a large head squarely set in a pair of broad shoulders. He talked rapidly and clearly, and in the intelligence of his answers and the firmness with which he held his positions proved to be one of the best witnesses yet seen upon the stand. The most valuable portions of his testimony were those bearing indirectly upon the class of insane delusions with which Guiteau claims to have been afflicted, and upon Guiteau's own statements to Dr. Macdonald.

The witness could not remember a single one among his 6,000 patients who had claimed "inspiration" from within, as Guiteau claims it. There had always been an illusion or hallucination through some one of the senses. One patient saw & letter lying on his desk which was withdrawn soon as he had read it; another saw a light moving across the waters of a lake, by the shore of which he was standing, and heard the voice of God speaking to him, and so on.

unknown, of Baltimore, and the following colored Insane persons believing themselves inspired hands: - Jarvis, fireman, of Baltimore; James sually proclaim it, and their actions betray their Staples, Alexander Wilson, J. Johnson, Lee Jennings neane condition as clearly as their words. A deluand Renjamin Smith, of Richmond; - Loveland, of ion of this kind usually makes the insane person superior to any fear of personal danger. What are called "irresistible impulses" are characteristic of Yorktown, Samuel Watkins, Sheppard Taylor, Nelson Baylord and Horace Bibbs, of West Point; Nelon Starke and Charles Tyler, of New Kent; Albert manuacal insanity and especially of those forms of Jackson, Jack Parker and Adolphus Babbitt of City it associated with epilepsy. These "irresistible impulses" are usually suddenly conceived and quickly executed. The insane usually make few preparaof Baltimore, was blown overboard, but was saved, tions for an assault, and show little motive in selectin the victim, who is likely to be either one of ithough he is hadly burned. Quartermaster Willam Bobannon of Baltimore, was seriously and nosthe family or the first person who comes in the way. sibly fatally burned. William Barnes, of West

There is, as a rule, an equal lack of deliberation Point, assistant stevedore, who was in charge of the loading party, was severely burned. William Green, a colored hand, of Richmond, was burned in their choice of a weapon. There is usually no personal fear. The insane man approaches his vistim boldly, probably from the front, and in some dramatic manner, and would not be likely to be deterred by the thought of the suffering the act would oring upon third persons. Everyone will see the bearing of all these statements upon the inconsistency of Guiteau's long preparation, reticence and secrecy, and the preservation of his usual demeaner, with the theory that he was dominated by an in-

> The most important part of Dr. Macdonald's testiony, however, related to his intervibefore this trial began. This contained some points never disclosed before. The most sensational of thess at Guiteau said he did not expect to spend his

The boat's cargo was made up of miscellaneous freight, among which were several hundred, barrels of oil, sixty of which were gasoline. The oil becoming iznited the flames spread with such rapidity that there was no chance of saving the vessel or any of the nersons on board of her, even if they were not billed by the explosion. The i rward portion of the decks and a great part of the starboard side were blown or t; and there is no do it but that all those in the hold or near the forward hatch were instantly killed. The four men who were drowned were storing cetton in the after hold. As soon as these men heard the explosion and saw the rapid spread of the fire, they, together with a bey who was assisting them made for the starboard port and plunged into the river. At that moment a large hatch slid off the deck and fell upon them, disabling four of them in such a manner that they never rose again. The fifth one saved himself by swimming back to the wharf, while the boy succeeded in getting upon the floating latch and was subsequently taken off by a boat from the shore. The cause of the explosion is yet a mystery. The officers of the Richmond and Danville. Railroad Conneny, which runs its West Point Line in connection with the Baltimore steamer, who arrived here to-day from West Point, stated that hey are atterly unable to account for the disaster. They say that the only fire on board was under the boiler which runs the hoisting engine, and that the engineer running it remained at his post and was unburt. The hold had been opened nearly two hours when the explosion of the boiler or of contined gis are done away with. John Jarvis (colored) firemen, was in the main boiler cleaning it out. He, of course, had a light, and this was the early light known to have been on board. The West Point made her first trip from Baltimore Port on Tuesday of last week. She was one of the best appeared of freight boats in the Chesapeake trade, being 175 feet long and baving a capacity of 625 tons. She was almost entirely new, just from life in a lunatic asylum after being acquitted on the ground of insanity. He had been looking up the law on that subject, and found that he would have the right to demand examination by a commission. Then he would be pronounced saue and be freed. This statement, revealing unsuspected depths of depravity and cunning in the assassin's plot, made a visible stir in the court-room. Guiteau said nothing at the time, but after the recess, during which time he had evidently thinking over the subject or had been talked with upon it, he addressed the Court the moment he had taken his seat and denied Dr. Macdonald's statement. He evidently felt that it was a very damaging one. It did more to tighten the rope about his neck than any other which has been made for many days. The question that will naturally arise in many minds why, if Guiteau had entertained such an idea, he should disclose it to a man whom he knew to be a Government expért, is perhaps best answered by the explanation before made in these dispatches of other incidents-he is

made in these dispatches of other incidents—he is simply a simit fool.

Dr. Macdonald was positively of the opinion that Gnit an was playing a part. He always made his allusion to divine inspiration in the same tone of voice and with the same gestures. Once when lying down, feeling a little weak after a bath, he began to speak this claim of inspiration in the same sensor. own, feeling a little weak after a bath, he began to epeat his claim of inspiration in the same conver-ational tone he had been using, then stopped, raised times!f, and, resorting to the stereotyped tone and sesture, began at the beganning and went through tall. Dr. Macdonald's account of the inspiration of New-York; Queen, of Liverpool, and North American, of Philadelphia; and \$2,500 as claimed by Gutteau was somewhat novel. Guiteau spoke of the idea as his "conception," and said he waited several weeks "for the Almighty to interfere" before forming the deliberate purpose. He hesitated and showed embarrassment when asked why he practised with his revolver, and why ticut Fire, British Americae and Peabody, of Baltitient Fire, British American and Peabody, of Baltimore; German American, of New-York, and Howard, of Baltimere.
George F. Needham, the general freight agent
here, says that all of the cargo between decks had
been discharged, as had also the creater pertion of
the freight in the lower hold, which consisted of a
curload of compressed hay, twenty tons of fertihizer, and the coal oil and gasoline. The freight hold
was separated from the botler-room by an iron bulk
head. asked why he practised with his revolver, and why he took measures to obtain troops. In each case the reply was substantially that "the Almighty didn't make all the arrangements." With regard to the practising, he made a remark which sounded like another revieation of his many-sided vanity, as well as being a fresh proof of the amazing elaborateness with which the murder of President Garfield was plauned. This was that he wa ted to accust minself to the sound, because he proposed to do and say certain thems after the shooting, and didn't want to be rendered nervous by the noise of the revolver.

Dr. Macdonald cited a number of facts to sustain Dr. Macdonald cited a number of facts to sustain his belief that Guiteau had been playing a part in court. Many of them have been already referred to. Among them were his pretence of reading news-papers and books, while he was evidently keenly insteaming to all the testimony; his interruptions al-ways made with regard to the eccasion and the evidence, instead of upon an impulse and without cause, as would be the case with an insame person; the cordinal greeting to witnesses as they appeared, as parently with some notion of conciliating them,

c., -tc. A number of times while Dr. Macdonald was talking A humber of times while Dr. Maccollaid was taiking Guileau interrupted him in a way that seemed ex-actly to innestrate what the witness was saying. One incident showed more than appeared on the sur-face, for, Macdonald referred to Guiteau's reading a MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 27.—State Jreasurer incent one forwarded funds to New-York and Mobile to set the interest due on January 1 on Alabama bends. Increasing the interest and alabama bends. Increasing the period any bonds resource. Moreover, and one-hair of the bonded debt of the State is held by Alabamana. face, Or. Macdonald referred to Guitean's reading a favorable sentence and no more from Dr. Spitzaa's letter as a proof of his knowing what he was about, Guitean called out, "Didn't have a chance." Now the fact was that the sentence read was the very last in Dr. Spitzaa's letter and the one sentence which might do him good if irregularly hrown to the jury. It was an entirely saue selection, and when Guiteau says he didn't have a chance to read more, leaving the hopression that he would have gone on, he knows that there was nothing after that sen ence.

that sen ence.

1/r, Macdonald's cross-examination brought out nothing, except to emphasize his previous state-ments. He showed himself quick at repartee, out aways preserved a dignified demeaner. He was statled us the s and when the Court adjourned. The counsel for the prosecution did not carry out

the receivers.

DICTREE OF DISSOLUTION GRANTED.

BIARRISBURG. Dec. 27.—An application for a rule
of show cames why the business of the Lochiel Motinal, aid
Association of this city should not be closed was made by
the Alterness scienced to-day for the Court granted the rule,
making it retainable lockingth, whereupon the company
into the granted and a receiver appointed. The deprec was then granted and a receiver appointed.